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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 37, 119 and 152. No new matter is believed to be introduced as a result of the foregoing amendments. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile safety compliance apparatus comprising:

a shell having a base, a top, a plurality of substantially vertical walls between the base and the top, and a plurality of substantially horizontal walls connected to the vertical walls to form a plurality of open compartments;

at least one selectively removable door hingedly linked to the shell by a plurality of pins, wherein said at least one selectively removable door is adapted for use as a stretcher, wherein said plurality of pins are readily removable such that the at least one selectively removable door can quickly and easily be removed;

a water supply system including at least one water supply tank removably stored in one of the compartments and apparatus connected to the water supply tank to dispense water contained therein;

a waste water collection system including at least one waste water collection tank stored in one of the compartments and tubing connected to the water collection tank to convey waste water to it; and

a sink positioned in a first recess defined in at least one of the substantially vertical walls, said receptacle in fluid communication with said waste water collection system.

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2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the shell is made of plastic material and the vertical and horizontal walls are integrally molded as a single apparatus.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the compartments have removable dividers.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the doors have window portions.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a pair of ground-engaging wheels attached to the shell at the base in spaced parallel arrangement to one side of the shell, the pair of wheels allowing the apparatus to be tipped onto the wheels to facilitate moving it.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the base of the shell includes at least one ground-engaging flange at a side of the base opposite the pair of ground engaging wheels, the flange having an aperture which allows for securing the flange to the ground.

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7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a spaced pair of ground engaging casters disposed below the base of the shell and approximately centered under the shell so that the apparatus is slightly elevated above the ground when it is balanced on the casters, thereby facilitating moving the apparatus along the ground on the casters.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a lifting provision at the top of the shell for attaching a lifting device to lift the apparatus.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the lifting provision includes a suspension rod extending through the top and the base, a support member disposed underneath the base and engaging the rod, and an eyelet engaging the rod at the top such that when the apparatus is lifted by eyelet, weight of the apparatus is supported by the support member.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein one of the vertical walls has an outer surface with a transparent sheet removably attached to a portion of it such that printed material can be displayed on the outer surface and the transparent sheet provides a weather resistant cover for the printed material.

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11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a substantially flat table portion pivotally attached to the shell such that the table portion has a stowed position against the shell and a deployed position whereat it is pivoted away from the shell to a substantially horizontal position.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a seat portion pivotally attached to the shell such that the seat has a stowed position against the shell and a deployed position whereat it is pivoted away from the shell to a substantially horizontal position.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one door comprises a stiffening insert.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one door has provisions for connecting support legs to it so that the door can be used as a table.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the door includes a movable portion that is deployed to increase area when the door is used as a table.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the movable portion is hingedly attached to the door, and the door further includes a plurality of extensible slats that are stored in the door and are partially extended to support the movable portion.

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17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a plurality of removable support legs attached to the door when it is removed, thereby supporting the door in a generally horizontal position for use as a table.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an eyewash attached to the shell, the eyewash receiving water from the water supply system, dispensing the water, collecting the water dispensed and directing it to the waste water collection system.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the eyewash is pivotable between a stowed position against the shell and a deployed position extending outward from shell.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the eyewash is positioned lower than its source of water and water flows to the eyewash by force of gravity.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a heating device to heat a portion of water contained in the water supply system.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the water supply system includes a washing supply tank that supplies water for hand washing, and the heating device is installed in the washing supply tank.

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23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the heating device receives water from the water supply system, heats it to produce heated water at a first temperature, then mixes it with unheated water from the water supply system to provide heated water at a second temperature lower than the first temperature.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the water supply system includes a washing supply tank that supplies water for hand washing, the washing supply tank being lower than the sink, and further comprising a water dispensing tube located above the sink and a water pump disposed between the washing supply tank and the water dispensing tube, the water pump being in fluid communication with the washing supply tank to pump water from it when activated.

26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the water pump is mounted in the base of the shell.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the water supply system includes a drinking water supply tank and a drinking water spigot.

28. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the drinking water supply tank is positioned higher than the drinking water spigot so that drinking water flows to the spigot by force of gravity.

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29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a refrigeration unit disposed between the drinking water supply tank and the drinking water spigot to chill drinking water.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a soap dispenser, a cup dispenser, an eyeglass cleaner dispenser, and a tissue dispenser all attached to the first recess of the shell.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the shell has a second recess disposed below the first recess, the second recess containing a waste collection container.

32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an electrical system including a power supply that can be connected to an external power source, and a storage battery for supplying temporary power to the electrical system.

33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the electrical system includes at least one light for lighting an area around the apparatus.

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34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the electrical system includes a warning light to attract attention.

35. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32, further comprising electronic communications equipment mounted on the shell and connected to the electrical system.

36. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a first aid kit mounted to the shell in one of the compartments.

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37. (Currently Amended) A mobile safety compliance apparatus comprising:
- a shell having a base, a top and a plurality of substantially vertical walls, said walls having formed therebetween at least one open compartment;
 - a plurality of selectively removable doors hingedly linked to the shell, each door being hinged by a plurality of pins, wherein at least one of the plurality of selectively removable doors is adapted for use as a stretcher, wherein the plurality of pins are readily removable such that the selectively removable doors can quickly and easily be removed;
 - ground-engaging wheels attached to the shell at the base;
 - a lifting provision at the top of the shell for attaching a lifting device to lift the apparatus;
 - a water supply system including at least one water supply tank in at least one of the compartments and apparatus connected to the water supply tank to dispense water contained therein;
 - a waste water collection system including at least one waste water collection tank in at least one of the compartments and tubing connected to the water collection tank to convey waste water to it;
 - a sink positioned in a recess defined in at least one of the substantially vertical walls of the shell, the sink being in fluid communication with the tubing of the waste water collection system to convey water collected by the sink into the waste water system;
 - a heating device to heat a portion of water in the water supply system;
 - electric lights attached to the shell for lighting an area around the shell; and
 - an eyewash attached to the shell, the eyewash receiving water from the water supply system, dispensing the water, collecting the water dispensed and directing it to the waste water collection system.

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38. (Canceled)

39. (Canceled)

40. (Withdrawn) A method of supplying equipment and materials to meet regulatory requirements for safety and health, comprising the steps of:

producing a mobile apparatus having closeable compartments, a self-contained water supply system, and a waste water collection system; and storing equipment and materials required to meet the regulatory requirements on or in the apparatus.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, further comprising the steps of:

putting water in the water supply system; and heating at least a portion of the water in the water supply system.

42-118 (Canceled)

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119. (Currently Amended) A mobile safety compliance apparatus comprising:
a shell having a plurality of substantially vertical walls, said walls having formed therebetween at least one open compartment;
at least one selectively removable door linked to said shell by a plurality of pins, said at least one selectively removable door being adapted for use as a stretcher, wherein said plurality of pins are readily removable such that the at least one selectively removable door can quickly and easily be removed;
a water supply system including at least one water supply tank contained in said at least one open compartment and a dispensing device connected to the water supply tank to dispense water contained therein;
a waste water collection system including at least one waste water collection tank stored in one of said compartments and a waste water receptacle in fluid communication with said at least one waste water collection tank for receiving waste water; and
a receptacle connected to said shell, said receptacle in fluid communication with said waste water collection system for receiving water collected by said receptacle.

120. (Canceled)

121. (Canceled)

122. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein the configuration of at least one of the one or more doors allows a user to ascertain what is behind the door.

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123. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein at least one of the one or more doors is configured to receive a stiffening insert adapted to provide additional strength and/or support to the one or more doors.

124. (Canceled)

125. (Canceled)

126. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein at least one of the one or more doors is utilized with one or more legs to maintain the doors in a substantially horizontal position when at least one of the one or more doors is utilized as a table.

127. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 126, wherein at least one of the one or more doors can be removed from the shell to function as a free standing table.

128. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein said water supply system includes a plurality of water tanks, at least one of said plurality of water tanks dedicated for holding potable water.

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129. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 128, wherein at least one of said plurality of water supply tanks comprises a flexible container adapted to accommodate a quantity of water.

130. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 128, wherein at least one of said plurality of water supply tanks is connected to a water heating device and wherein at least a second of said plurality of water supply tanks is connected to a water chilling device.

131. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 128, wherein at least one of said plurality of water supply tanks is connected to a first water dispensing device and at least a second of said plurality of water supply tanks is connected to a second water dispensing device.

132. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein said water supply is positioned above said water dispensing device such that gravitational flow facilitates the flow of water from the water supply tank to the water dispensing device.

133. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein said water supply system further includes a quick connect fitting which allows the water supply tank to be quickly and efficiently disconnected from the other components of the water supply system.

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134. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein the quick connect fitting prevents water from leaking from tubing connecting the water supply tank to the water dispensing device.

135. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein the water supply system further comprises a foot pump adapted to pump water from the water supply tank to the water dispensing device.

136. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein said waste water collection tank is selectively removable.

137. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein said waste water collection tank comprises a flexible container adapted to accommodate a quantity of water.

138. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein said apparatus further comprises an eyewash attached to said shell, said eyewash receiving water from said water supply system and dispensing the water, said waste water collection system collecting the water dispensed.

139. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 138, wherein said eyewash is stowable.

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140. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 139, wherein said stowable eyewash is pivotably coupled to the shell.

141. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 139, wherein said stowable eyewash is pivoted against a side of the shell when the stowable eyewash is in a stowed position.

142. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 139, wherein said stowable eyewash extends outward from the side of the shell when the stowable eyewash is in a deployed position.

143. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 139, wherein said stowable eyewash is retained in the stowed position absent deployment by a user.

144. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 139, wherein said stowable eyewash is retained in position by friction of the mechanism coupling stowable eyewash to the side of the shell.

145. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 138, wherein said eyewash further comprises an eyewash water supply.

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146. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 145, wherein said eyewash water supply also provides water for drinking and/or washing hands of a user.

147. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 145, wherein said eyewash water supply further comprises an eyewash waste water collection container.

148. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 145, wherein said eyewash water supply further comprises a water warming apparatus for warming water delivered to the stowable eyewash.

149. (Canceled)

150. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 119, wherein the apparatus further comprises a water chilling device to chill at least a portion of water contained in said water supply system.

151. (Canceled)

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152. (Currently Amended) A mobile safety compliance apparatus containing equipment and emergency supplies in compliance with local health and safety standards, the mobile safety compliance apparatus comprising:

a housing with a plurality of compartments formed therein, said plurality of compartments preconfigured to hold the equipment and emergency supplies in anticipation of a specific selected emergency and in compliance with the local health and safety standards;

electronic communication equipment stored in said housing, said electronic communication equipment selected from a group consisting of a global positioning satellite receiving unit, a radio, a telephone and computer communication devices; and

at least one door selectively attached to said housing by at least one pin, said at least one door being selectively removable and configured to be used as a stretcher, wherein said pin is readily removable such that the at least one door can quickly and easily be removed.

153. (Previously Presented) The mobile safety compliance apparatus recited in claim 152, wherein the apparatus further comprises a water supply system including at least one water supply tank contained in at least one of said plurality of compartments and a dispensing device fluidly connected to said water supply tank to dispense water contained therein.